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Filed: December 19, 2001	) Group Art Unit: 1731
For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING	)
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated May 9, 2006, and the Advisory Action mailed on May 9, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows: